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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS--VISIT OF NASA DEPUTY  
ADMINISTRATOR TO JAPAN

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A. BUSY TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS BY NASA DEP. ADM.  
LOVELACE AND STAFF WITH OFFICIALS OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, NASDA,  
UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCLUDED WITH  
INITIALING OF "SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS" BY DR. LOVELACE  
AND DR. AMISHIMA (REPRESENTING SPACE ACTIVITIES  
COMMISSION). TEXT OF RECORD FOLLOWS:

B. BEGIN TEXT.

1. DR. ALAN M. LOVELACE, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA),  
AND MR. NORMAN TERRELL, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
OF NASA VISITED JAPAN AND MET WITH THE SPACE ACTIVITIES  
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DR. T. AMISHIMA, DR. M. YOSHIKI, MR. T. HACHIFUJI AND  
DR. S. SAITO, AND THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA)  
REPRESENTED BY MR. S. SONOYAMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, ON JULY 17, 1978.

2. THE JAPANESE SIDE WELCOMED THE NASA OFFICIALS AND THE  
NASA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE

PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT.

3. DR. AMISHIMA GAVE A BRIEFING ON JAPAN'S PAST ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE ACTIVITIES AND THE PRINCIPLES OF JAPAN'S SPACE DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

4. DR. LOVELACE GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF U.S. SPACE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, MENTIONING THE DESIRE FOR THE CONTRIBUTION BY SPACE DEVELOPMENT TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL MANKIND, AND THE EXPECTATION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND BROADENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

5. DR. LOVELACE PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT STUDY PROGRAM BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE USA, INCLUDING THE FORMATION FOR THIS PURPOSE OF ONE OR MORE PRELIMINARY STUDY GROUPS TO ASSESS AREAS AND METHODS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, DR. LOVELACE REFERRED TO TWO INFORMAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY NASA (ANNEX 1 AND ANNEX 2). BASED ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH SUCH AN ASSESSMENT, THE TWO SIDES WOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF INITIATING JOINT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY FOR FURTHER JOINT STUDIES.

6. THE JAPANESE SIDE WELCOMED THIS PROPOSAL IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN-U.S. COOPERATION. THE JAPANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIDE EXPRESSED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD SUCH A STEP AND AGREED TO INFORM NASA OF THEIR FORMAL REPLY TO THE PROPOSAL BY THE COMING SEPTEMBER IF POSSIBLE.

7. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT, ALTHOUGH NO COMMITMENTS COULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME, THE NECESSITY EXISTED TO MAKE POSITIVE EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE PROPOSED JOINT STUDY PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE WAY TOWARD LONG-TERM COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

C. FYI. "TWO INFORMAL DOCUMENTS" REFERRED TO IN TEXT ABOVE WERE THOSE TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL. JAPANESE SIDE CONSIDERED VISIT AND TALKS AS REPRESENTING MAJOR CHANGE IN ATTITUDE BY NASA TOWARD JAPAN AND WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF OPPORTUNITY NOW OFFERED TO ENGAGE IN COOPERATION IN SPACE SCIENCES AND APPLICATIONS. PROBLEM, AS USUAL, WILL BE FOR GOJ OFFICIALS TO COME UP WITH FUNDS TO SUPPORT SUCH ACTIVITIES. MANSFIELD

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